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Abstract

5 A semitrailer train comprising a towing vehicle (2), a
semitrailer (3) and a fifthwheel (4) which has a
coupling part (5) which is assigned to the towing
vehicle (2) and a coupling part (5) which is assigned
to the semitrailer (3) which have the purpose of
10 forming a mechanical connection between the towing
vehicle (2) and semitrailer (3), a control device (10)
for controlling components (9) of the semitrailer (3)
being provided in the towing vehicle (2) and the
semitrailer (3) having data lines (17) for transmitting
15 the control data and power supply lines (16) for
supplying power to the components (9), the coupling
part which is assigned to the towing vehicle (2) being
a fifthwheel pickup plate (5) and the coupling part
which is assigned to the semitrailer (3) being embodied
20 as a kingpin (6) which matches said coupling part. An
alternating voltage generator for generating a carrier
signal is provided in the towing vehicle (2), a signal
modulator modulates the control data onto the carrier
signal, and a transformer coil (7) is arranged in the
25 fifthwheel pickup plate (5) of the towing vehicle (2)
in order to transmit the carrier signal with the
control data modulated onto it to a transformer coil
(7, 8) in the region of the kingpin (6) of the
semitrailer (3), a demodulator (15) in the semitrailer
30 (3) separating the total signal transmitted by
inductive coupling into an energy-carrying power supply
voltage and the control data, and the power supply
voltage being provided for supplying power to a
component (9) in the semitrailer (3).

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(Fig. 1)